

## **Banda Shazar Pathar Craft**



**a. GI Registration Number:666**

<https://search.ipindia.gov.in/GIRPublic/Application/Details/666>

**b. Location:**Banda

**c. No. of GI Authorised Users:** Recently Registered, as of now they are in the process.

**d. Product Description:**

Sazar is a Dendritic Agate belonging to the Chalcedony family with hardness of 7 Mohs'. It is a translucent to opaque stone characterized by inclusions of branch-like dendrites. Colours may be clear, white or whitish-gray, with black, brown or greenish brown dendrites. This stone is listed under the semi-precious gems category. The patterns we see on the sazar are either leeching of manganese or iron oxide probably along with waters containing silica in solution which percolates and deposited a siliceous gel in the interior of the rocks. It may also be entrapped fossils of fungus (basically algae). A fungus, which is entrapped between two or more pieces of sazar stone, produces either acid or base. This acid/base makes the stones translucent and acts as inorganic glue which coagulates the separate stones to one. The fossils of fungus left inside the stones looks like patterns of leaves or trees and add beauty to the stone.